

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD – PRATT LAKE
Meeting Minutes
Held at Sage Township Hall
May 18, 2022

Meeting called to order by Terry Walters at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Walters.

Present: Craig Mills, Terry Walters, Chris Meissner, and Lucy Zeestraten.

Absent: Ron Taylor, and Renee Zelt

Additions to the Agenda: None

Motion to approve September 15, 2021, minutes made by Craig Mills supported by Chris Meissner.
All in favor, m/c.

Elect Chair – Motion to nominate Terry Walter as chair by Craig Mills. Second by Chris Meissner.
All in favor m/c

Elect Secretary/ Treasurer – Motion to elect Lucy Zeestraten as Secretary/Treasurer by Terry Walters. Second by Craig Mills. All in favor m/c

Motion to approve \$200.00 admin fees for Gladwin County by Craig Mills. Second by Terry Walters.
All in favor m/c

Account ledger received and filed

Ray gives report on the lake. Ray passed out a paper that recapped what was done last year. Ray also had maps that were year end maps for the state. Shows the acreage and areas that were treated. They found planets that haven't been treated in the past and have come out of nowhere. That's why they had more shoreline treated than normal. Fortunately, the budget allowed for this type of things to happen. We have another year out till 2023, looks like the numbers are in pretty good shape. If we should have to deal with other things probably in pretty good shape to make those considerations. Permit fees did go up this year, but we were grandfathered in because we have one more on our permit. Next year it will be \$875.00 but we will only do yearly. Terry asked if he seen any problems on the lake. Ray commented that he hasn't been on the lake yet. Chris Meisner state that there was an algae bloom last week that came off the bottom of lake. Ray feels that it's not algae but decomposing plants from the last treatment last year. Chris feels that this year will be a bad year because the lake is already a foot lower and lower in August. What do you expect to see? More milfoil? They can't change the weather so their treatment patterns will dictate with what they see with the lower levels of plant growth. The warmer weather will bring on faster growth and algae. The algae will be contained to certain areas so there won't have to be widespread treatment areas. Chris states that some of the little cannels might not be accessible because the water is so low. Craig points out one and Ray stated that they couldn't get into last year. They had to remove it from the treatment map. The boarded stated where the bridge might be another area. Ray did state that they have a smaller boat. Craig stated that he has been there, and it gets shallow. You might get one treatment there. Craig notices that on the treatment maps of species he doesn't see wild celery. Ray said this year the specifically target that. Craig said get rid of it it's all in front of his place. Ray states they why they survey. Craig says it hasn't come up yet. Ray states that there will be leaves from last year. They look for debris from the year before. They are going to keep an eye on that. They look at the

worse of two evils and what was prevalent. They did us an Nautique which is a chelated copper complex herbicide. Craig asked if they are sending out well surveys again? They wild celery is close to the shore. Ray states that they products that they are using doesn't interfere with the wells. They are only using the granulated 240. Chris asked what that is normally used for. Ray states milfoil control. Using some of the other products like Procellacor in limited basic and really targeting those plants, then you can get better absorption that act like a magnet between the plant and the product. It will carry over to the next year. Craig points out a spot on the map and asked if it was because of the Loons. Ray stated it's that way only for high water. Craig states that the Loons are still nesting there and Ray states that they must stay 500ft away if they are still there. That's their nursery and safety place. Ray recommended that we don't change the assessments yet. We will want to look at all that stuff this time next year. First treatment early to mid-June.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMENTS: None

A Motion to adjourn was made by Craig Mills, supported by Chris Meissner.

All in favor: m/c.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary